

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today voted in favor of holding Attorney General Eric Holder in Contempt of Congress for refusing to fully cooperate with the ongoing Congressional investigation into the "Fast and Furious" operation and the death of U.S. Border Agent Brian Terry (no relation). Terry released the following statement:

**"With my vote, I am saying to Attorney General Holder and the Administration to just tell us what happened! U.S. Border Agent Brian Terry and over 200 Mexican citizens were gunned down by weapons supplied to thugs and drug dealers in Mexico by the U.S. government and we demand answers.**

**"Congress was forced to act and seek the truth because the Attorney General and the Department of Justice chose to ignore their obligations to this governing body by refusing to provide a full and complete accounting of a botched federal operation.**

**"There was an atrocious mistake made by the ATF and DOJ. But instead of admitting to this debacle, they first deny the operation even exists until an ATF whistleblower exposes this as a lie. So the denial is retracted and the Attorney General is forced to admit that it should never have happened. After testifying before Congress, Attorney General Holder agrees to hand over the documents related to the operation, but once again, a whistleblower reveals that less than 10% of the documents have been released to House investigators. This is a slap in the face.**

**"To make matters even more complicated, last week the White House asserted Executive Privilege, which either means the President or the White House staff had knowledge of the operation prior to this year, which they have denied in the past, or the White House is deliberately attempting to obstruct the investigation."**

**"Either way there are serious issues that must be addressed by this Administration and it is the job of Congress to ensure that nothing like Operation Fast and Furious happens again. We need answers, and we need them now! Congress, the American public, and more importantly, the family of Brian Terry, have waited too long to hear the truth. The time has come for the Attorney General to be honest with us. The time has come for full disclosure."**